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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN DAILY DECRIES SLOWNESS OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM

REF: LA PAZ 2474

1. LA PAZ DAILY, PRESENCIA, MAY 19 PUBLISHES AN EDITORIAL CENSURING THE PERENNIAL SLOWNESS OF THE BOLIVIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM WHICH HAS NOW COME UNDER SEVERE CRITICISM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THE AMERICANS ARE NOT REQUESTING PARDON OR AMNESTY BUT RATHER ARE INSISTING THAT DETAINEES NOT REMAIN IN CUSTODY FOR YEARS PRIOR TO SENTENCING OR EXONERATION. IT POINTS OUT THAT BOLIVIANS SUFFER SAME TREATMENT OR WORSE BUT THAT NO ONE CAN TAKE SATISFACTION IN THIS SITUATION WHICH MUST BE REMEDIED FOR ALL.

2. THE EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT THE PROBLEM WILL NOT BE SOLVED SOLELY BY AMENDED LAWS OR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL COURTS, BUT REQUIRES AN ALL INCLUSIVE ANALYTICAL STUDY OF TRADITIONAL JUDICIAL PRACTICES WHICH OBSTRUCT THE FUNCTIONING OF NEW STATUTES AND THE PRACTICES OF MANY ATTORNEYS WHICH RETARD THE COMPLETION OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: BOLIVIAN PUBLIC OPINION IS NOW TAKING THE PROBLEM SERIOUSLY IN NO SMALL PART AS A RESULT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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TODMAN'S RECENT VISIT. PRESENCIA, AN INFLUENTIAL CATHOLIC CHURCH-OWNED NEWSPAPER, HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN LESS EXERCISED ABOUT THE SLOWNESS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM (SEE LA PAZ 2474) AND THAT IT IS NOW CALLING FOR JUDICIAL REFORM IS A VERY POSITIVE RESULT OF THE TODMAN VISIT.
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